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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record, namely Speronello '810, fails to teach or suggest exposing an article to a given chlorine dioxide concentration, followed by reducing that concentration by active dilution to a particular, lower concentration and then introducing chlorine dioxide to achieve a lower concentration than the first. While repeated exposure steps in disinfecting methods are known, there is no suggestion to lower the concentration with a subsequent exposure step.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisanne Jastrzab whose telephone number is 571-272-1279. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 6:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys Corcoran can be reached on 571-272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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